

September 10, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 7:06 p.m. in the Torrance Community Television Studio located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Barnard, Haussmann, Korman, Perkins, and Chair Sunshine

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Secretary
Don Fefie, TCtv Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: Carlson and Nishinaga

Absent: None

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Korman led the salute to the flag.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner Barnard moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Korman, carried with an aye vote.*

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) August 13, 2008

MOTION: *Commissioner Perkins moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2008 as amended. This motion seconded by Commissioner Barnard, motion carried with an aye vote.*

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports – 17th Annual TCtv Video Programming Awards

Committee member Barnard reported that the theme and event will incorporate a more sophisticated style of presentation than recent years. Although the theme has not been agreed upon, they have agreed in general on a conceptual idea. She also reported modifications to the considerations to award the Producer of the Year, focusing more on community involvement at the Center including: use of facility, equipment, and interaction with Users and Producers as volunteers.

C) Report of the Community Television Center

- 1) **August, 2008** –Coordinator Fefie discussed statistics for the month. He highlighted 20 new programs were completed with 30 programs bicycled. He also noted studio usage was very low at 9%, field camera check-outs for the DV Field Camcorders were at 44%. Post-production usage had to 47% compared to 45% same time last year. 06 "It's Your TV Brochures" were mailed, with 03 graduates. 27 guests attended the annual back to TCtv BBQ.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Korman moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Report for August 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner Perkins, motion carried with aye vote.*

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities

Manager Smith reported Verizon Communications Inc. will go back and inspect every one of its FiOS installations in New York after regulators discovered that some of the fiber-optic systems could pose potential safety hazards.

AT&T Inc.'s nearly fridge-sized units, which route its new U-verse video product to customers, are drawing particular ire. A few caught fire or even exploded. AT&T said it has fixed that by replacing the units' backup batteries.

A price war is brewing between phone companies and cable companies, the WSJ reports: Verizon is now floating six free months of DSL service if customers sign up for both phone and Internet service -- \$45 per month, vs. \$65 prior, according to the WSJ. And AT&T is guaranteeing that it won't increase its prices -- which range from \$20 to \$55 per month -- for two years.

Comcast soon will begin cracking down on heavy users of its Internet service in a move that critics fear could be a step toward restricting unlimited broadband access to download and upload files while surfing the Web.

The Sacramento City Council voted Tuesday to terminate a contract with a technology consortium that planned to blanket the city with a free wireless network.

That tech group - Sacramento Metro Connect - was never able to come up with the money to set up the network, according to a city staff report. City officials said no public money was lost in the deal, inked in June 2007, and that only staff time was wasted.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Haussmann moved to accept the Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities for August 2008. This motion seconded by Commissioner, Korman motion carried with aye vote.*

E) Old Business - NONE

F) New Business - NONE

G) ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Coordinator Fefie stated he and staff are making significant progress in improving the facility and services for the public.
- B) Manager Smith mentioned his attendance at facility naming hosted by the Torrance Unified School District in honor of Former Councilwoman Gene Drevno. She was a friend of our office and a friend to many of the present and former members of our staff. She will be missed.
- C) Commissioner Barnard mentioned school was back in session and to be aware of the increase of children going to school.
- D) Commissioner Haussmann expressed her feelings concerning the passing of Former Councilwoman Gene Drevno.
- E) Commissioner Korman extended thanks to staff for the coverage of the annual Torrance Symphony Concert in the Park on August 24th.
- F) Commissioner Korman also stated she and her husband had great time at the Back to TCtv BBQ earlier this month.
- G) Commissioner Perkins expressed her feelings concerning the passing of Former Councilwoman Gene Drevno and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Former Councilwoman Gene Drevno.
- H) Chairman Sunshine mentioned he had the pleasure of attending the Commission Chair training offered by the city.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Sunshine adjourned the meeting of September 10, 2008 **in memory of Former Councilwoman Gene Drevno** to reconvene on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager

Roll Call: Barnard ☐ Carlson ☐ Haussmann ☐ Korman ☐ Nishinaga ☐ Perkins ☐ Sunshine ☐